DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman, the question of awarding more scholarships will be considered when finances improve.

There is no bar to the entertainment of members of your community in Government service, as such, and applications are being received and will be paid special attention.

The claims of the members of your community for appointments in the Excise, Police and other Departments will be considered with those of others so long as they are duly qualified and physically fit.

144. Grant of further concessions to the Pulayas in the matter of education and entertainment in public service.

MR. AYYAN KALI (*Nominated*) thanked the Government for the several concessions already granted to his community in the matter of education and in regard to entertainment in public service. He then spoke about the necessity of granting further concessions to his community:

The students of the Pulaya community should be granted concessions in the matter of school fees and examination fees. The community was still backward in education. There was not a single graduate in the community. At least five students of the community should be given scholarships every year to enable them to prosecute their studies in the colleges. There were a few Pulaya students who had to discontinue their studies for financial reasons, though qualified for the college course. In this connection, the member particularly referred to one Miss Rosa Henry, a Pulaya girl student in the college, and requested that the Government should render her pecuniary help to prosecute her studies as her parents were too poor to educate her.

Qualified members of the community should be given preference in the matter of entertainment in public service, for a period of 15 years, and they should also be exempted from the rule regarding age-limit.

Members of the community who had studied up to classes VI and VII in vernacular schools should be appointed as peons in all the departments of the State service.

Scholarships should be awarded to Pulaya students studying in classes VI and above in vernacular schools and Form II and above in English schools.

Pulaya students admitted for survey training should be exempted from the payment of fees.

A special grant should be sanctioned for the weaving school conducted by the community. Boys and girls of the community undergoing training in weaving and other handicrafts should be awarded scholarships.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ayyan Kali, the question of granting further concessions in the matter of fees and scholarships will be considered, but probably will have to wait until the financial conditions improve.

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